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SUBJECT: GOH DIFFICULTY IN SECURITY ENTRY INTO VIETNAM

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- 1. EMBOFF CALLED AT FONMIN THIS MORNING TO DISCUSS GVN REFUSAL TO GRANT ENTRY TO DEPUTY MINISTER MARJAI. WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT GOH FAILURE TO SECURE VISAS FOR MARJAI PARTY, FONMIN OFFICIAL CLAIMED THAT VISAS NOT NEEDED UNDER GVN LAW WHEN VISIT FOR LESS THAN SEVEN DAYS, ALTHOUGH ENTRY PERMIT IS REQUIRED. CLAIMED THAT HUNGDEL ICCS HAD NOTIFIED GEN. THUAN'S OFFICE ON OCT. 13 OF MARJAI VISIT AND THAT FORMAL APPLICATION GIVEN TO GEN. THUAN ON OCT. 14. FONMIN SOURCE STATED THAT ALL PREVIOUS ENTRY PERMITS HAD BEEN ROUTINELY GRANTED BY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION.
- 2. ACCORDING TO GOH, FORMAL PROTEST HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GVN AND MARJAI UNDER FONMIN INSTRUCTION TO IMMEDIATELY

RETURN TO BUDAPEST. FONMIN ALLEGEDLY RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM GVN SOURCE ON 17TH THAT FIRM DECISION HAD BEEN MADE TO DENY MARJAI ENTRY.

- 3. REGARDING HUNGDEL COURIERS (SEE REFTEL 2) FONMIN VIETNAM DESK CLAIMED GVN YESTERDAY AGAIN REFUSED TO GRANT ENTRY PERMITS, SAYING IT IS STILL STUDYING REQUESTS. VN DESK OFFICER EXPRESSED HOPE USG WOULD INTERVENE WITH GVN AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORTING FREE ADMITTANCE OF GOH COURIERS.
- 4. MINISTRY SOURCE SAID MARJAI HAD HOPED TO CONDUCT "MORE THAN ROUTINE INSPECTION" AND THAT GOH WANTED TO ASSURE "MORE EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING OF ICCS NOW THAT IRANIANS ON SCENE." HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR USG EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF MARJAI ADMITTING IN THE PROCESS THAT IN FUTURE IT WOULD BE BETTER TO INFORM US WELL IN ADVANCE CONCERNING HIGH-LEVEL VISITORS TO VIETNAM. PEDERSEN

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